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SUBJ: NAC CONSULTATIONS ON SALT

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1. APPRECIATE NOTIFICATION OF FEB 19 DATE FOR SALT II
RESUMPTION AND RE-CONFIRMATION OF AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S PLAN
TO CONSULT NAC.

2. AS TO SCHEDULING CONSULTATION, WE THINK IT MORE IMPORTANT
THAT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON HAVE FIRM U.S. POSITION FOR NEGOTIATIONS
TO DISCUSS WITH ALLIES THAN THAT WE RIGIDLY ATTEMPT TO MEET PLAN
(REF B) TO CONSULT BEFORE RE-OPENING. IT WOULD BE IDEAL, OF
COURSE, TO CONSULT BEFORE 19TH ON BASIS OF FIRM U.S. POSITION.

3. THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS FOR NAC OR
SYG LUNS DURING WEEKS OF FEB 11 OR 18 EXCEPT THAT MBFR
AD HOC GROUP IS TO REPORT TO NAC MORNING OR AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY,
FEB 15.

4. ALLIES USUALLY SUGGEST OR REQUEST EXPERTS' MEETING
IN CONNECTION WITH NAC CONSULTATION, AND WE CAN ANTICIPATE
HEIGHTENED INTEREST IN EXPERTS MEETING THIS TIME. SEVERAL
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ALLIES HAVE PRAISED MR. RRASBEAL'S LAST SESSION WITH EXPERTS,
EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND HOPE THAT HE COULD BE MADE
AVAILABLE DESPITE HIS STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION RES-
PONSIBILITIES TO MEET EXPERTS AGAIN. WE RECOMMEND THAT U.S.

PROPOSE EXPERTS SESSION ATTENDED BY GRAYBEAL IN CONNECTION WITH COMING NAC CONSULTATION.

5. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE NAC CONSULTATION IN SALT, WHICH IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE ALLIES WHOSE INFORMED UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT U.S. SEEKS, WE SUGGEST ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF A PAPER ALONG LINES OF STATEMENT AMBASSADOR JOHNSON USUALLY MAKES ORALLY AND THEN DISTRIBUTES. THIS WOULD ENABLE PERMREPS TO PREPARE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TOWARD "TWO-WAY STREET" THAT U.S. SEEKS IN NATO CONSULTATIONS.

6. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON SUGGESTED DATE FOR NAC CONSULTATION, EXPERTS SESSION WITH GRAYBEAL AND ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF PAPER IN TIME FOR PERMREPS LUNCH FEB 12.
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